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What it is agreed to call good society still

is a civil one, is a striking proof that caste can be lost here quite as well as in India; and it was perhaps to prevent such cases as the present one from arising that Buddha proscribed that the Indian widows should be burned on their husbands' funerals.

Had Widow Le Moyne observed the Brahmin rite, she would not yesterday have been under the painful necessity of suing her aged mother for a pecuniary allowance. The lady

described in these legal proceedings as Widow Le Moyne is no other than the former gay Duchess de Persigny, and her mother, whom she sues for a pension, is the Princess de la Moskowa, the daughter of the famous banker, Jacques Lafitte, and the daughter in law of the

bravest of the brave, Marshal Ney. I give the case as stated by each advocate in turn, since it assumes two very different aspects according as it is M. Lachaud or M. Helbronner who speaks. The former pleaded for the younger widow and the latter for the princess.

Mme. Le Moyne (this is M. Lichaud's version) was married to the Duke of Persigny in 1852, and he left her a widow, with five children at the beginning of 1872. She next married M. Le Moyne, a barrister at Cairo, who died recently. The Princess de la Moskowa,

her widowed mother, gave her no dowry on either occasion, though she could very well have afforded to bestow upon her a very considerable allowance, as her income is estimated at £16,000 annually. Now her daughter, Widow Le Moyne, the ex-Duchess of Persigny,

and former bright particular star of the employers's forces, is in such straitened circumstances that she has not sufficient money to set her up in housekeeping. She therefore prayed the court yesterday to order her mother to allow her £40 a month and to give her £160

Her venerable but by no means generous parent, the wealthy princess, offered her a yearly pension of £320, which M. Lechaud treated as ridiculous for a lady in Mme. Le Moyne's position. "But," replied his adver-

sary, M. Hubronner, "the widow of the Duke de Persigny has left, I believe, some souvenirs in the *Chronique* of the second empire, and if a St. Simon had been able to see and hear her, concealed in some corner of the *Salle des Marchaux*, he would have sketched a very piquant

Those ungallant remarks are irrelevant to the case, and as uncalled for as they are ungallant. But M. Lichaud showed quite as great a lack of chivalry by retorting as follows: "It is rather to the Princess de la Moskowa that he

"Widow Le Moyac," he said, "who claims

a situation from fortune worthy of a duchess, forgets that she laid aside her coronet and sent her coat of arms to the lumber room, when she married a business agent in Egypt. If the £320 a year offered her by her mother would have been a mere trifle for the Duchess of Per-

signy, it is surely a sufficient allowance for the widow of M. Le Moyne. She has already £480 a year, and £320 added to that makes £800 a year. Is it her mother's fault if that income is not enough to satisfy her inordinate desires of every kind?"

The court showed itself more generous than the Princess de la Moskowa, at her expense of course, and ordered her to pay her daughter an annual pension of £480, and give her £160 down to make a fresh start in housekeeping.

THE JOKER JOKED.—A facious young man who boards in a hotel not far from Grand River Avenue, was badly taken down at the dinner table a day or two ago. The servant who took his order was a good looking sort of a girl, and

when toward the end of the meal she asked him if he wanted anything more, he replied, "Yes, I would like a kiss." The girl left the room, followed by a loud guffaw, and told her grievance to the landlady, who happened to be in the kitchen.

Without saying a word the venerable dame wiped her withered lips and proceeded to the dining room. The young man sat in a chair still laughing at the girl's discomfiture, but he quickly changed his tune, when the old woman

threw her arms about his neck and pressed her dewy lips to his again and again. The fellow struggled to get away, but the old woman held him fast, and showered kisses upon his burning face, until he finally made a supreme effort, tore himself loose from her clutches, and fled himself, pursued by the maddening laugh of

N. B. This is a true story, and exemplifies the old adage that truth is stranger than fiction. —*Detroit News.*

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